GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Health Medical & Family Welfare Department – Integration of foreign language courses in 13 Government nursing colleges in the State and integration of foreign language courses in the nursing curriculum in Nursing Courses - Orders - Issued.

HEALTH MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (C2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 121 **Dated: 03-03-2025**

Read the following:

From the Director of Medical Education, AP through
e-file Computer No.2712951, Dt: 11.02.2025 & 24.02.2025.

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ORDER:

In the reference read above, the Director of Medical Education, AP, based on the proposal of the MD & CEO, AP State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC), has submitted that in today's globalized healthcare environment, proficiency in foreign languages has become essential for nurses seeking overseas employment. To address this need, a collaborative initiative with the APSSDC aims to provide nursing professionals with the language skills necessary to communicate effectively with diverse patient populations and meet international healthcare standards. Currently, 150 nursing graduates in Andhra Pradesh are undergoing German language training, with plans to expand the program to include languages like German, Italian, Japanese, and English (OET/IELTS). This initiative will significantly enhance the communication abilities of nursing graduates, improve their employment prospects in international healthcare settings, and foster a deeper understanding of cross-cultural healthcare practices.

2. The Director of Medical Education / AP Nursing and Midwives Council, in association with AP State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC), has proposed integrating foreign language courses into the nursing curriculum, initially in 13 Government Nursing Colleges, with plans to extend this to other Government and Private institutions. A workshop conducted in November 2024 with nursing college principals and language training providers highlighted the need to introduce foreign languages to final-year nursing students to improve their professional growth and overseas placement opportunities. A study conducted by APSSDC and APNMC through a Google Form revealed strong student interest in learning foreign languages for career advancement. Following this, the Hon'ble Minister for HRD has prioritized the introduction of foreign language courses in the curriculum, with plans to secure approval and funding for language tutors from APSSDC. The Director of Medical Education, A.P., has therefore requested for approval of the Government in this regard.

3. The Government after examination of the matter, hereby accord permission to Director of Medical Education for integration of foreign language courses in 13 Government Nursing Colleges in the State of Andhra Pradesh and integration foreign language courses in the nursing curriculum in Nursing Courses and allow to teach these courses outside the fixed class hours, as this will be useful for creating skill to get employment abroad.

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4. The Director of Medical Education, AP/ Registrar, AP Nursing and Midwives Council shall take immediate necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRAPRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The Registrar, Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada
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The MD & CEO, AP State Skill Development Corporation, Tadepalli.
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